

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTING VARIOUS SPORT DISCIPLINES

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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to enquire into allegation of discriminatory treatments given to the winning Cricket team and the Hockey team when they returned to India after winning the International Competition in their respective games;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to promote and popularize other sports in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYAT RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) & (b) : The reception and other incentives to winning cricket and hockey teams have been given by the National Sports Federations (NSFs) concerned. Government have had no role in this regard. However, Government gives Cash Awards to the medal winners of international events and their coaches as incentives under its scheme of 'Special Awards to Winners in International Events and their Coaches'. This Award is not applicable to cricketers.

(c) The primary responsibility for the development and popularization of various sports disciplines vests in the NSFs concerned. Government supplements their efforts through financial assistance for holding national/international events in India, participation of Indian sportspersons/teams in international sports events abroad, training and arrangements for coaches, both Indian and foreign, procurement of equipment and consumables etc. as per agreed Long Term Development Plans. In addition, Government is also providing assistance to meritorious sportspersons for purchase of equipment, provision of scientific support and training and participation within the country and abroad, under the 'Scheme relating to Talent Search & Training' and through 'National Sports Development Fund'.

No financial assistance is provided by the Government to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) or any individual cricket player under these schemes.